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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Pearl Snell
Weaver on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Snell Weaver celebrated her 100th birthday on November 12, 2000, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of William Colyar and Nannie Spencer Snell, Pearl Snell Weaver was born in the Beans Creek area near Belvidere, and was raised in the Marble Plains community in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, one of seven children born to the Snell family, Pearl grew up knowing the close companionship, constant support, and love of, not only her father and mother, but also her brothers and sisters, Wilma, Addie, Cleo, Clifton, Ruby, and Cecil; and

WHEREAS, having to walk four miles to and from school every day, she attended Sylvanus School from 1907-15, at a time when the school building was "over in the woods," which is now in the general area of the Tims Ford State Park Maintenance Building; and

WHEREAS, at the age of thirteen, she joined the Marble Plains Methodist Church, where she was a faithful member for ninety-four years; in 1994, she joined the same church, which had been reincarnated as the Marble Plains Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, she has served her church in numerous capacities, but most notably as the piano and pump organ player, two instruments she played regularly for seventy-nine years (1912-91); she played for Sunday morning worship services and gave of her talent at every church function, including revivals, special singings, Mother's Day, and as an accompanist for the Weaver Brothers Quartet, who traveled throughout Franklin County and the surrounding counties giving concerts; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Marble Plains community, she has served that community in numerous capacities throughout her lifetime, not only through her church, but also through various public service activities; Miss Pearl is a fifty-eight year member of the Home Demonstration Club, now known as the Tennessee Association for Family and Community Education, and she is also a member of the Senior Quilters Club and the American Legion Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 1917, Pearl Snell Weaver was joined in marriage with Cager Weaver and the couple's blessed union produced one son, James Weaver; James and his late wife, Wilma Baits Weaver, are the parents of Donald and Mickey. Pearl Snell Weaver is the doting grandparent of great-grandchildren, Tonya, Mathew and Katie; and great-great-granddaughters, Tianna and Allie; and

WHEREAS, while she and her husband were raising their family, Pearl Snell Weaver worked at home to supplement the family's income, first sewing balls for the Lannom Manufacturing Company for many years and then sewing bedspreads for Owens Manufacturing Company of Tullahoma; she earned respect and admiration for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Snell Weaver has experienced many unsettling events in her long life, including the loss of an infant daughter in 1918, the loss of the treasured family home and farm

due to the impoundment of Tims Ford Lake in 1967, the loss of her husband Cager in 1971, and successfully undergoing triple bypass surgery in 1990; overcoming all those adversities, she has endured and flourished; and

WHEREAS, as Pearl Snell Weaver approaches her 11th decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, she proudly boasts of having voted in every election since 1921, when women were granted the right to vote under the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Pearl Snell Weaver on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.